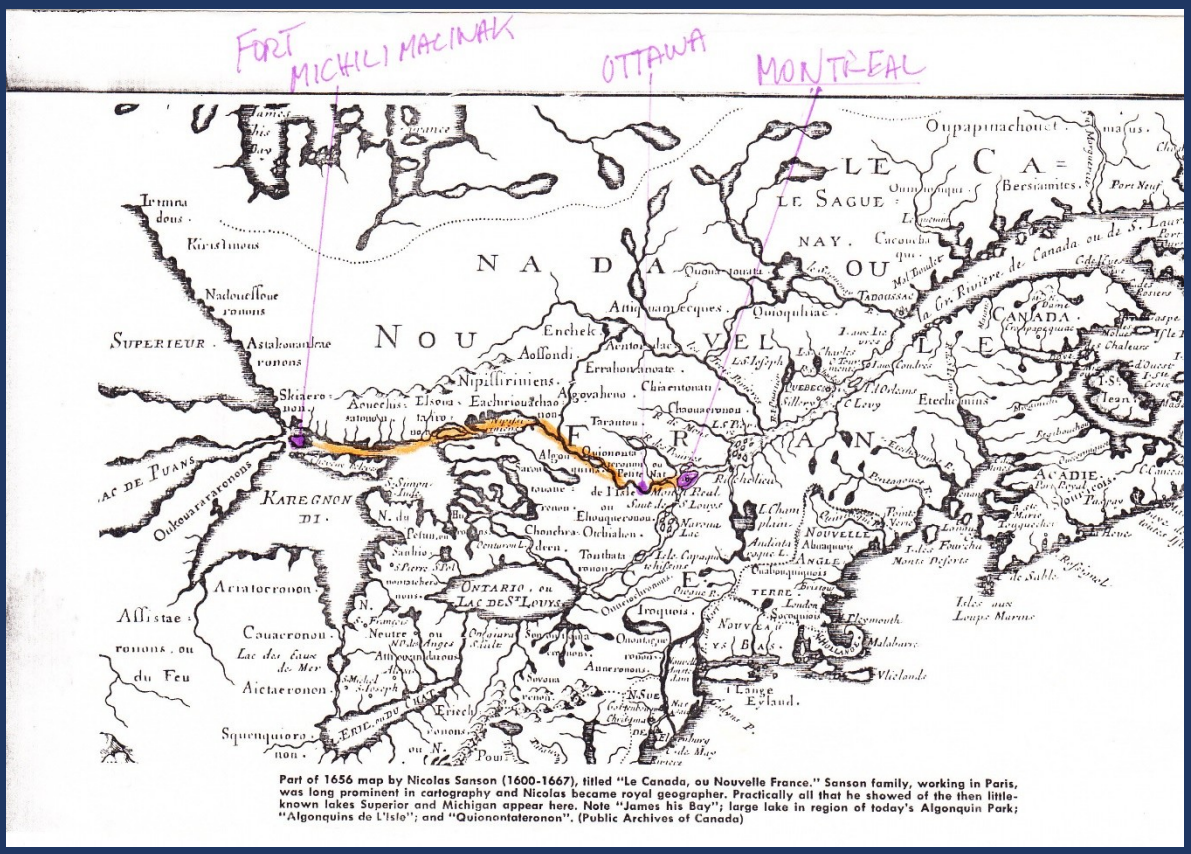
FORT MICHILIMACINAK
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Part of 1656 map by Nicolas Sanson (1600-1667), titled "Le Canada, ou Nouvelle France." Sanson family, working in Paris, was long prominent in cartography and Nicolas became royal geographer. Practically all that he showed of the then little-known lakes Superior and Michigan appear here. Note "James his Bay"; large lake in region of today's Algonquin Park; "Algonquins de L'Isle"; and "Quionontateronon". (Public Archives of Canada)

This map shows the route, highlighted in orange, Joseph Gauthier would have taken on his trip from his home in Lachine as a voyageur in 1691. There may have been trails used by the indigenous peoples but there were no roads in the back country. The rivers were the main highways of that time. In Brebeuf Park in Gatineau there is an existing trail with well worn rocks trod on by many voyageurs used as a portage around Chaudière Falls in which Joseph would have used as the voyageurs traversed the Ottawa River on their way from Montreal to Fort Michilimackinac.